AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A pneumatic tire for use in four-wheeled vehicles comprising:

a tread portion,

a pair of sidewall portions,

a pair of bead portions,

a radial carcass extending between a pair of bead cores embedded in the respective bead ~~portion~~ portions to reinforce these portions and having a turnup portion wound around ~~the~~ each bead core from an inside of the tire toward an outside thereof,

a bead filler rubber of a triangular shape at section taperingly extending from the bead core toward an end of the tread portion and having a JIS hardness at 30°C of 65-83, ~~and~~

a reinforcing cord layer arranged at a side face zone ranging from the bead portion to the sidewall portion, in which the reinforcing cord layer is a layer of one or more rubberized cords spirally wound about an axial line of the tire and has an inner end in a radial direction of the tire between a position located outward from an outer periphery of the bead core in the radial direction and a position located inward from a tapered end of the bead filler rubber in the radial direction, and

a reinforcing sheet rubber extending toward the end of the tread portion and arranged along a tapered end portion of the bead filler rubber so as to contact therewith and having an

even thickness of not more than 2 mm and a hardness substantially equal to that of said bead filler rubber.

2. (previously presented): A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the inner end of the reinforcing cord layer is located in a position separated from the outer periphery of the bead core by a distance in the radial direction equal to 3-50% of a tire section height.

3. (previously presented): A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein an outer end of the reinforcing cord layer in the radial direction is located in a position separated from a rim diameter line by a distance in the radial direction equal to 10-75% of a tire section height.

4. (original): A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the cord of the reinforcing cord layer is a cord selected from nylon cord, polyester cord, rayon cord, aramid cord and steel cord.

5. (original): A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing cord layer has an end count of 15-60 cords/5 cm.

Claim 6 (canceled).

7. (previously presented): A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein an end of the turnup portion of the radial carcass has a height in the radial direction equal to 5-45% of the tire section height.

8. (withdrawn): A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing cord layer is arranged along an outside of the turnup portion of the radial carcass.

9. (original): A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing cord layer is arranged along an inside of the turnup portion of the radial carcass.

10. (original): A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein an outer end of the reinforcing cord layer in the radial direction exceeds an end of the turnup portion of the radial carcass in the radial direction.

Claim 11 (canceled).

12. (original): A pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein an outer end of the reinforcing sheet rubber in the radial direction is located in a position separated from the rim diameter line to 30-75% of the tire section height.